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1. At about noon on 19 September, two gray-painted tugboats, [redacted] were observed on a course toward Stralsund. The vessels arrived in Stralsund on the morning of the 20th of September. 25X1
2. Before noon on 20 September, two German naval vessels went through the harbor and past the bridge on a southerly course. They were followed by a trawler. [redacted] 25X1
3. On the same day, after the above-mentioned vessels had passed, a lead-painted submarine (about 60 - 70 meters long) was observed being towed through the harbor and past the bridge by two gray-painted tugboats. [redacted] Both tugboats were flying blue flags with white fields in the forward part, and both displayed hammer and sickle. 25X1
4. A patrol boat [redacted] was seen in the harbor. Near the Danholms shipyard, about 10 gray-white trawlers were seen. 25X1

Comment: The time of the observation in Stralsund, and the fact that the tugboat [redacted] which towed the submarine through Stralsund on 18 September, was later observed at the east pier in Warnemuende, tends to indicate that this submarine has been transferred from Warnemuende to Stralsund. According to the scanty description of the submarine, it could be a VII - C - type. Three of this type were sunk near Warnemuende in May 1945. [redacted]

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[redacted] It should be emphasized that the submarine being towed past the bridge in Stralsund was on a southerly course. It is therefore possible that the submarine has either gone to the Volkswerft, Stralsund, although they have so far not been known to repair naval vessels, or to the Peenewerft in Wolgast, which is strictly a Seepolizei shipyard.

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